You may be interested to know I am having very good success with Poliethilene bags used for containers for plants. Have quite a few one-year old hibiscus grafts on .002" polieth. 8" diam. x 16" long. The bags being perforated slightly to give enough drainage. For me it is the cheapest and most effective method.

If I could be of some use to you, do not hesitate to let me know. With most sincere regards".....Tomas Vilanova M.

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TAKE SOME WIRE AND A ROLL OF FLORAL TAPE

To follow through with the caption, let me suggest Green Annealed Florist Wire #20, sometimes called Carnation wire by the trade, and a roll of green floral tape. That is all it takes to start enjoying wearing Hibiscus and using them in your home.

For corsage use and as costume accent of whatever kind is required there is sure to be a Hibiscus that will fill the bill. The wide color range is equalled only by the many bloom formations of the various varieties. There is just nothing that one can dream up in costuming that cannot be lifted into high style by properly wearing Hibiscus.

Not only as an accent of costuming but for all decorating needs from sacred to secular the amateur arranger can have fun and achieve dramatic results. The limitations are solely with the individual. True, most Hibiscus are one day blooms, however, there are tricks in all trades, so be not dismayed by the thought that your pretty posey will close its eyes at the end of day. Just stalk your prey in the early morning as the blooms are

opening and after picking, place in your refrigerator until it is time to glamorize you or your home. Then remove it and your Hibiscus will live out its life span to accommodate your party.

Only the smaller blooms should be used when several flowers are to make up the corsage. One does not wish to look like a blooming tree, so don't overdo the size of your corsage.

Cut one length of wire into three equal pieces. Hold the calyx of the Hibiscus bloom between the thumb and forefinger of your left hand (if you are right handed) and carefully insert one length of wire into the calyx. Because Hibiscus should be picked with only the short stems of the flower it is necessary to give them stems and the wire is used for this purpose. When the wire is carefully and firmly placed into the calyx take a roll of tape and place the end of the tape on the calyx holding it firmly between the thumb and forefinger and roll clockwise, holding the tape tightly so that the stretch in the tape will fit firmly about the wire. Cover the calyx and continue covering the wire with tape to the end. Bits of foliage may be taped to this stem giving the bloom a natural accent. Any suitable greenery may be used, but it should not be overpowering. Make a small ribbon bow, or maline or any metalline, satin or moire that will accent the costume with which it is to be worn. The bow can be attached with a small length of ribbon tied tightly through the bow to the stem or with wire. No rough edges should be left and no uncovered wire. A little practice and one can become deft and produce professional looking jobs. The great satisfaction in wearing Hibiscus is that every day you have a fresh flower and